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December 2009

1 Consumer Price Index (CPI), All Items, 2002 = 100

Month	CPI	Annual Rate of Inflation	
Whitehorse			
Dec '09	113.4	-0.4%	(Dec '08 to Dec '09)
Nov '09	113.9	-0.6%	(Nov '08 to Nov '09)
Dec '08	113.9	3.0%	(Dec '07 to Dec '08)
Canada			
Dec '09	114.8	1.3%	(Dec '08 to Dec '09)
Nov '09	115.2	1.0%	(Nov '08 to Nov '09)
Dec '08	113.3	1.2%	(Dec '07 to Dec '08)

On a **monthly** basis, in Whitehorse (figures for the Yukon are not available) overall prices decreased 0.4% from November to December 2009.

Major **monthly decreases** were seen in the following CPI commodities:

- home-owners' home and mortgage insurance
- women's clothing
- home entertainment equipment - parts and services

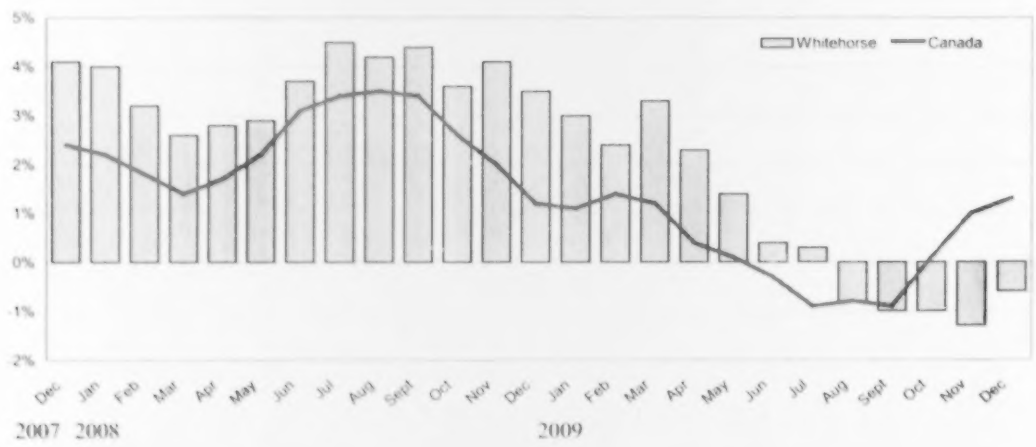
Some of the major **increases** partially offsetting **monthly** decreases were:

- purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles
- fresh fruit
- inter-city transportation

Comparing the month of December 2009 with December 2008, the **annual** rate of *deflation* in Whitehorse (0.4%) was 1.7 percentage points lower than the **annual** rate of *inflation* in Canada (1.3%). This is the sixth month in a row Whitehorse has experienced deflation when compared to the same month in 2008.

Annual decreases for Whitehorse in December were in electricity, inter-city transportation, and purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles. Offsetting some of these **annual** decreases were increases in gasoline, purchase and operation of recreational vehicles, and water (utilities).

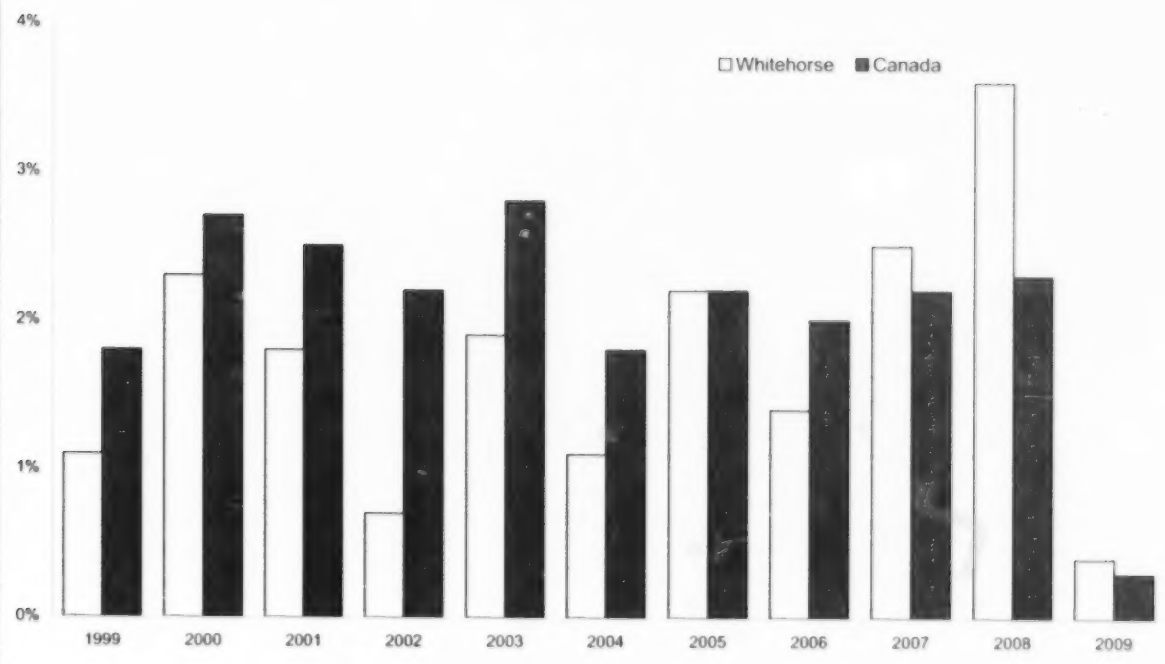
Inflation Rate



2 Consumer Price Index History - Annual Averages

Whitehorse (2002 = 100)			Canada (2002 = 100)		
Year	All-Items Index	% Change From Previous Year	Year	All-Items Index	% Change From Previous Year
2009	113.8	0.4	2009	114.4	0.3
2008	113.4	3.6	2008	114.1	2.3
2007	109.5	2.5	2007	111.5	2.2
2006	106.8	1.4	2006	109.1	2.0
2005	105.3	2.2	2005	107.0	2.2
2004	103.0	1.1	2004	104.7	1.8
2003	101.9	1.9	2003	102.8	2.8
2002	100.0	0.7	2002	100.0	2.2
2001	99.3	1.8	2001	97.8	2.5
2000	97.5	2.3	2000	95.4	2.7
1999	95.3	1.1	1999	92.9	1.8

3 The Annual Average Rate of Inflation in Whitehorse vs. Canada



4 Consumer Price Index — (All Items, 2002 = 100)

Index for Whitehorse 2007/'08

Month	2007	2008	% Change
Jan	107.0	110.4	3.2
Feb	107.3	110.1	2.6
Mar	108.0	111.0	2.8
Apr	108.7	111.8	2.9
May	109.5	113.6	3.7
Jun	109.7	114.6	4.5
Jul	110.7	115.3	4.2
Aug	110.5	115.4	4.4
Sep	110.8	114.8	3.6
Oct	110.4	114.9	4.1
Nov	110.7	114.6	3.5
Dec	110.6	113.9	3.0
Year Average	109.5	113.4	3.6

Index for Canada 2007/'08

Month	2007	2008	% Change
Jan	109.4	111.8	2.2
Feb	110.2	112.2	1.8
Mar	111.1	112.6	1.4
Apr	111.6	113.5	1.7
May	112.1	114.6	2.2
Jun	111.9	115.4	3.1
Jul	112.0	115.8	3.4
Aug	111.7	115.6	3.5
Sep	111.9	115.7	3.4
Oct	111.6	114.5	2.6
Nov	111.9	114.1	2.0
Dec	112.0	113.3	1.2
Year Average	111.5	114.1	2.3

Index for Whitehorse 2008/'09

Month	2008	2009	% Change
Jan	110.4	113.0	2.4
Feb	110.1	113.7	3.3
Mar	111.0	113.6	2.3
Apr	111.8	113.4	1.4
May	113.6	114.0	0.4
Jun	114.6	114.9	0.3
Jul	115.3	114.4	-0.8
Aug	115.4	114.2	-1.0
Sep	114.8	113.7	-1.0
Oct	114.9	113.4	-1.3
Nov	114.6	113.9	-0.6
Dec	**113.9**	**113.4**	**-0.4**
Year Average	113.4	113.8	0.4

Index for Canada 2008/'09

Month	2008	2009	% Change
Jan	111.8	113.0	1.1
Feb	112.2	113.8	1.4
Mar	112.6	114.0	1.2
Apr	113.5	113.9	0.4
May	114.6	114.7	0.1
Jun	115.4	115.1	-0.3
Jul	115.8	114.7	-0.9
Aug	115.6	114.7	-0.8
Sep	115.7	114.7	-0.9
Oct	114.5	114.6	0.1
Nov	114.1	115.2	1.0
Dec	**113.3**	**114.8**	**1.3**
Year Average	114.1	114.4	0.3

5 Consumer Price Index for Whitehorse — December 2009

	Index			% Change	
	Dec. 2009	Nov. 2009	Dec. 2008	Nov. '09 to Dec. '09	Dec. '08 to Dec. '09
All-Items	**113.4**	**113.9**	**113.9**	**-0.4**	**-0.4**
Food	117.9	118.3	115.1	-0.3	2.4
Shelter	127.1	128.0	131.5	-0.7	-3.3
Household Operations & Furnishings	103.6	103.2	102.9	0.4	0.7
Clothing & Footwear	94.9	100.0	98.9	-5.1	-4.0
Transportation	113.3	112.7	114.2	0.5	-0.8
Health & Personal Care	114.3	114.1	108.8	0.2	5.1
Recreation, Education & Reading	93.5	94.5	92.8	-1.1	0.8
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	133.8	134.2	132.9	-0.3	0.7
Special Aggregates					
Energy	129.3	131.2	134.0	-1.4	-3.5
All-Items excluding Energy	111.6	111.9	111.7	-0.3	-0.1

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is produced on a monthly basis by Statistics Canada. The data used to determine the CPI are collected by survey and the results are released in Statistics Canada's publication, *The Consumer Price Index*, catalogue no. 62-001. The Index is used to determine price change (inflation or deflation) in a given city or province over time. In order to calculate the inflation/deflation rate in an area, an index for two time periods is required. The percentage change in this index from one point in time to the next is known as the 'rate of inflation' (or 'rate of deflation' if there is a decrease).

The current official time base of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is 2002 = 100.

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